

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 21 FEBRUARY 2019

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 21 February 2019 at 4pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Murphy, Nelson, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Mr A Stevenson (for Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), Head of Legal & Property Services, Mr J Douglas, Mr J Kerr and Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Head of Service – Roads & Transportation and Mr D McLavin (Corporate Communications).

105 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 105

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Rebecchi.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

106 Mr Alex MacLean 106

Prior to the commencement of business, the Provost referred to the recent death of Alex MacLean, former Port Glasgow Councillor, Provost of Port Glasgow and Strathclyde Regional Councillor, and on behalf of the Council, extended condolences to Mr MacLean's family.

The Council thereafter observed a minute's silence.

107 Planning Permission in Principle for Residential Development, Access, Infrastructure, Landscape/Open Space and Associated Works at Carsemeadow, Quarriers Village 107

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services together with report by the Planning Board on the pre-determination hearing held on 15 January 2019 in relation to a planning application by Quarriers/Gladman Developments Limited for a proposed residential development with access, open space, landscaping and associated works (in principle) at Carsemeadow, Quarriers Village (18/0190/IC).

Decided: that planning permission be refused for the following reasons, as recommended by the Planning Board:

(1) the proposed development is contrary to the Spatial Development Strategy of the 2017 Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan as it is an unjustified urban development which fails to accord with the Green Belt objectives in that it does not direct planned growth to the most appropriate locations nor, protect the quality, character, landscape setting and identity of the village;

(2) the proposal is contrary to Policies ENV2 and SDS8 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan together with Policy 14 of the 2018 Proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan in that it fails to accord with the objectives of the Green Belt;

(3) the proposal fails to have regard to the six qualities of successful places as required by Policy 1 of the 2017 Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan and Policy 1 of

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the 2018 Proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan. The proposal is also contrary to the placemaking aims of policy SDS3 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan;

(4) the proposal is not a form of residential development in the Green Belt supported by Policy RES7 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan;

(5) the proposal fails in respect of Policy RES1 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan with reference to the incompatibility with the character and amenity of the area (criterion (a)) and in respect of landscaping proposals and impact on existing landscape features (criteria (b) and (c));

(6) the proposal is contrary to Policies SDS2 and TRA2 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan and Policy 10 of the 2018 Proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan in that it fails to be reasonably accessed by public transport and as such will generate significant traffic demand by private car and will not contribute to sustainable development; and

(7) the proposal is contrary to Policy HER1 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan and Policy 28 of the 2018 Proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan in that there would be a significant and unacceptable impact on the setting and appearance of the Conservation Area and its spatial relationship with the site of the former Bridge of Weir Hospital.

**Minutes of Meetings of
The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

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| 108 | Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee – 29 November 2018 | 108 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey. | |
| 109 | Inverclyde Council – 29 November 2018 | 109 |
| | Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan. | |
| 110 | Audit Committee – 8 January 2019 | 110 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey. | |
| 111 | Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 10 January 2019 | 111 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick. | |
| 112 | Health & Social Care Committee – 10 January 2019 | 112 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian. | |
| 113 | Planning Board – 15 January 2019 | 113 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson. | |
| 114 | General Purposes Board – 16 January 2019 | 114 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian. | |

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| 115 | Environment & Regeneration Committee – 17 January 2019 | 115 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick. | |
| 116 | Education & Communities Committee – 22 January 2019 | 116 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty. | |
| 117 | Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 28 January 2019 | 117 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe. | |
| 118 | Policy & Resources Committee – 5 February 2019 | 118 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe. | |
| 119 | Planning Board – 6 February 2019 | 119 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson. | |
| 120 | General Purposes Board – 13 February 2019 | 120 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian. | |
| 121 | Approval of the Band D Council Tax for 2019/20 | 121 |

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing information on the latest position of the 2019/20 Revenue Budget to allow the level of Band D Council Tax for 2019/20 to be determined.

Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved:

- (1) that the budget reduction adjustments totalling £330,000, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved;
- (2) that the advice from the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Legal & Property Services regarding agreeing the Band D Council Tax for 2019/20 in advance of confirmation of the 2019/20 Revenue Budget be noted;
- (3) that the decision to increase the Band D Council Tax for 2019/20 by 4.79% be confirmed;
- (4) that approval be given to the universal introduction of free school meals for primary 4 school children from August 2019; and
- (5) that it be agreed to consider the 2019/20 Budget, which will include the finalised Local Government finance settlement for Inverclyde Council, at a special meeting of the Council on 21 March 2019.

As an amendment to (3), Councillor Brooks seconded by Councillor Wilson moved that the decision to increase the Band D Council Tax for 2019/20 by 3% be confirmed.

On a vote, 2 Members, Councillors Brooks and Wilson, voted in favour of the amendment and 15 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, C McEleny, J McEleny, McCormick, Moran, Murphy, Nelson and Robertson, voted in favour of the motion, which was declared carried. 4 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie, McVey and Quinn, abstained from voting.

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Decided:

- (1) that the budget reduction adjustments totalling £330,000, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved;
- (2) that the advice from the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Legal & Property Services regarding agreeing the Band D Council Tax for 2019/20 in advance of confirmation of the 2019/20 Revenue Budget be noted;
- (3) that the decision to increase the Band D Council Tax for 2019/20 by 4.79% be confirmed;
- (4) that approval be given to the universal introduction of free school meals for primary 4 school children from August 2019; and
- (5) that it be agreed to consider the 2019/20 Budget, which will include the finalised Local Government finance settlement for Inverclyde Council, at a special meeting of the Council on 21 March 2019.

122 Resolution: Setting of Band D Council Tax for 2019/20 122

Arising from the foregoing paragraph, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that the Council implement a 4.79% increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2019/20 and accordingly resolve to set the Band D Council Tax at £1,293.05.

Decided: that the Band D Council Tax for 2019/20 be set at £1,293.05.

123 Creating a Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre Incorporating a Scottish Holocaust-era Study Centre – Request from Councillor McCabe 123

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor McCabe that the Council give consideration to a request from the Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre for an annual grant of £2,000-£5,000 from year 2019/2020 to help deliver a project for the creation of a Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre incorporating a Holocaust-era Study Centre based at Garnethill Synagogue, Glasgow.

Decided: that a one-off donation of £10,000 over a period of 5 years be made to the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre from the revenue contingency fund for the creation of a Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre incorporating a Scottish Holocaust-era Study Centre subject to the Council's normal checks and due diligence for grant receiving organisations and the detailed provisions of the Council's grant award letter.

124 Flying the Pride Flag for LGBT History Month – Request from Councillor McCabe 124

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on a request received from Councillor McCabe that the Council fly the Pride Flag at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock from Friday 22 to Thursday 28 February 2019 and for the whole of the month of February in future years in support and recognition of LGBT History Month. Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that the Council fly the Pride Flag at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock from Friday 22 February to Thursday 28 February 2019 and for the whole of the month of February in future years in support and recognition of LGBT History Month.

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As an amendment, Councillor C McEleny seconded by Councillor Crowther moved that the Council fly the Pride Flag at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock on 28 February 2019 and 1 February in future years in support and recognition of LGBT History Month, on 17 May for International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia and 13-14 July, or appropriate dates, in recognition of Glasgow Pride.

On a vote, 8 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Dorrian, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, Moran and Murphy, voted in favour of the motion and 13 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther, Curley, MacLeod, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Nelson, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson voted in favour of the amendment, which was declared carried.

Decided: that the Council fly the Pride Flag at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock on 28 February 2019 and 1 February in future years in support and recognition of LGBT History Month, on 17 May for International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia and 13-14 July, or appropriate dates, in recognition of Glasgow Pride.

125 Charter against Modern Slavery 125

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services asking the Council to consider whether it would wish to become a signatory to the Charter against Modern Slavery.

Decided: that the Council become a signatory to the Charter against Modern Slavery.

126 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons’ Parking Place (On-Street) Order 2A 2018 – The Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999: Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 126

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 10 January 2019 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons’ Parking Place (On-Street) Order 2A 2018.

Decided: that approval be given to the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons’ Parking Place (On-Street) Order 2A 2018 and that the Head of Service - Roads & Transportation and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to undertake all necessary action in connection therewith.

127 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 9) Order 2018: Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 127

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 17 January 2019 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 9) Order 2018.

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Decided: that approval be given to the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 9) Order 2018 and that the Head of Service - Roads & Transportation and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to undertake all necessary action in connection therewith.

128 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 10) Order 2018: Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 128

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 17 January 2019 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 10) Order 2018.

Decided: that approval be given to the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 10) Order 2018 and that the Head of Service - Roads & Transportation and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to undertake all necessary action in connection therewith.

129 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018: Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 129

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 17 January 2019 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018.

Decided: that approval be given to the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018 and that the Head of Service - Roads & Transportation and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to undertake all necessary action in connection therewith.

130 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018: Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 130

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 17 January 2019 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018.

Decided: that approval be given to the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018 and that the Head of Service - Roads & Transportation and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to undertake all necessary action in connection therewith.

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131 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy – 2019/20 – 2022/23: Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 131

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 5 February 2019 relative to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2019/20 – 2022/23.

Decided: that approval be given to:

- (a) The Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy;
- (b) Authorised Limits for 2019/23;
- (c) The Treasury Management Policy Statement set out in Paragraph 5.2 of the report to the Policy & Resources Committee;
- (d) The Policy on repayment of Loans Fund advances set out in Paragraph 8.2 of the report to the Policy & Resources Committee;
- (e) Treasury Policy Limits;
- (f) Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Indicators; and
- (g) The List of Permitted Investments (including those for the Common Good Fund).

132 River Clyde Homes: Reduction in Board Membership – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 132

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 5 February 2019 relative to the implications of the Regulation of Social Housing (Influence of Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 and requesting the Council to determine the two Council nominees to the Board of River Clyde Homes.

Decided: that Councillors Brooks and Curley be appointed as the Council's nominees to the Board of River Clyde Homes.

133 Women's Forum – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 133

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 5 February 2019 relative to the progress of the Women's Forum and seeking the appointment of a Women's Champion.

Following discussion, Councillor Ahlfeld seconded by Councillor McVey moved that Councillor Quinn be appointed the Council's Women's Champion.

As an amendment, Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Moran moved that Councillor Murphy be so appointed.

On a vote, 8 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Dorrian, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, Moran and Murphy, voted in favour of the amendment and 13 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther, Curley, MacLeod, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Nelson, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson, voted in favour of the motion, which was declared carried.

Decided: that Councillor Quinn be appointed the Council's Women's Champion.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it contained exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the relevant minute.

Appendices to Minutes

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| 134 | Health & Social Care Committee – 10 January 2019 | 134 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian. | |
| 135 | General Purposes Board – 16 January 2019 | 135 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian. | |
| 136 | Environment & Regeneration Committee – 17 January 2019 | 136 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick. | |
| 137 | Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 28 January 2019 | 137 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe. | |
| 138 | General Purposes Board – 13 February 2019 | 138 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian. | |